



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernard R. Brodeur : Examiner: Albert Mark Navarro

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For: **PROTEINASE RESISTANT SURFACE PROTEIN OF NEISSERIA  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application and consider the amendments and remarks which follow.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.